



Friday
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Weekly Views

Three students from Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in a Restorative Justice Project at the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. After their hard work cleaning the shelter, the students enjoyed some "play time" with the animals.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility instituted an "Offender Visitation Information Line" that visitors can access to check on the visitation status of facility housing units.

Congratulations to Susie Brinker on her 35 years of service to the State of Indiana. Currently Susie is a Captain at the Correctional Industrial Facility. Susie was promoted from the Pendleton Correctional Facility in 2000.



Plainfield Correctional Facility hosted an event honoring the volunteers from the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN). Superintendent Knight presented the volunteers with service awards in front of approximately 45 ICAN donors and visitors. Offenders gave a demonstration, displaying the commands the 18 dogs have learned to date and several offenders spoke to the crowd praising the ICAN program and discussed the positive impact it has had in their lives.

Wabash Valley Superintendent James Basinger helped deliver 270 quilts to residents of the Lafayette, Indiana Veterans' home. PLUS offenders have been making the comfort quilts since January, their largest donation to date in honor of our Indiana based veterans.

The South Bend Community Re-entry Center graduated its first class of offenders from the Relapse and Prevention for Re-entry Aftercare Program. This program is sponsored by the St. Joseph County Drug Free Community Council and is a joint project with SBCRC to provide a substance abuse aftercare program to offenders that have completed substance abuse treatment and/or the Department's Therapeutic Community.

The Indiana Women's Prison held a Mother's Day luncheon for all the women and children that participate in the Family Preservation program. Castleton Christian Church set up tables for the offenders' children to do arts and craft projects, play games and have the family photo taken. Lunch was served by the volunteers and the families dined on fried chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese, chips, and cookies.

Staff at the Pendleton Correctional Facility passed out hygiene gift bags to offenders. The bags, which included a bottle of shampoo, a bar of soap, and inspirational literature, were donated by the Joyce Meyer Ministries Organization.

Camp Summit completed its ACA Mock Audit with a score of 100% on the mandatory standards and 99.7% on the non-mandatory standards. The facility will undergo the national audit next month.



50 Wabash Valley PLUS quilts were delivered to the Humane Society of Sullivan County to be given to the new "parents" of each dog or cat adopted at the shelter.

A graduation ceremony was held at Madison Correctional Facility, recognizing 19 offenders for receiving associate degrees, 3 offenders receiving bachelor degrees and 19 offenders passing their GED.

There was a fun filled hard fought softball game between staff from the Correctional Industrial Facility and Pendleton Correctional Facility in celebration of Employee Appreciation Week.

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility Interim Superintendent Latoya Lane honored several IREF staff for their commitment and dedication to hard work, and presented awards for staff who have worked for the IDOC between 5 and 35 years.